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Validity Study on NIE 100-2-58

Development of Nuclear Capabilities by Fourth Countries:

Likelihood and Consequences

dated 1 July 1958

The attached Validity Study of NIE 100-2-58 was noted by the Intelligence Board on 20 September 1960 (USIB-M-117, item 4. b.).



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We have reviewed the major judgments reached in NIE 100-2-58, and now believe that the earlier estimate probably over-estimated the likelihood of certain European countries initiating and carrying out independent nuclear weapons programs, at least during the next several years. On the other hand, the paper probably underestimated the magnitude of the Communist Chinese effort to develop such a program, and the extent of Soviet aid. Other major judgments in NIE 100-2-58 appear to remain generally valid.

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